



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS technology is one of the fastest growing sectors in British Columbia, with technology and technology-enabled businesses representing an integral part of the economy, and

WHEREAS British Columbia's technology sector provides high-paying jobs with average annual earnings of 70% higher than the BC industrial average, and

WHEREAS access to skilled talent is the number one challenge rated by BC technology companies, and

WHEREAS, in British Columbia, women make up 20% of the workforce in technology, and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to fostering and celebrating the importance of women and girls in science, technology, engineering, art and design, and math (STEAM), and

WHEREAS the provincial government is committed to attracting more women and girls into STEAM, which will contribute to solving the issue of access to skilled talent that is impacting BC technology companies;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that November 1 to 7, 2019, shall be known as


**“Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering,
Art and Design, and Math (STEAM) Week”**

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this ninth day of October, two thousand nineteen and in the sixty-eighth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



Attorney General
(counter signature for the Great Seal)



Lieutenant Governor